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Acting Secretary.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

An Act to Incorporate the Minnehaha Bridge Company.

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

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| Incorporation | SECTION 1. That Franklin Steele, Philander Prescott, Eli Pettijohn, Ard. Godfrey, H. T. Welles and their associates, successors and assigns, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned by the name of the "Minnehaha Bridge Company," |
| Name | for the term of twenty years, and by that name, they and their successors shall be, and they are hereby made capable in law to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend, answer and be answered, in any court of record, and elsewhere, and to purchase and hold any estate, real, personal or mixed, and the same to graut, sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of, for the benefit of said company, to devise and keep a common seal, to make and enforce any by-laws, not contrary to the laws of the United States, or of this Territory, and to enjoy all the privileges, franchises and immunities incident to a corporation. |
| Powers | |
| Capital Stock | SEC. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be fifty thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each; and the Board of Directors shall have power, at any time, whenever a majority in value of the stockholders shall deem the same advisable, to increase the said capital stock to an |

amount not exceeding in the whole one hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. Any three of the individuals named in the first section of this act, shall be authorized to cause books to be opened at St. Anthony and St. Paul, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, first giving three weeks' notice in two newspapers, one published in St. Anthony and one in St. Paul, of the time and place of opening such books. **Open Books**

SEC. 4. Whenever ten thousand dollars of capital stock shall have been subscribed, and ten dollars on each share so subscribed for shall have been actually paid in, any number of the said subscribers who shall represent a majority of the then subscription to said stock, shall be authorized to call a meeting of the subscribers thereto, by giving twenty days' notice of the time and place of such meeting, in any two newspapers published, one in St. Anthony and one in St. Paul, and those of the subscribers who may be present at such meetings, so called, shall have the power, and be authorized to elect a Board of five Directors, from the stockholders of said company. **Call Meeting** **Elect Directors**

SEC. 5. The Board of Directors thus chosen shall proceed to elect one of their number as President of the said Company, and shall also choose one person to act as both Treasurer and Secretary of said Company, and who shall give bonds to be approved by the President and Directors in such penal sums as they may require, conditioned for the faithful and correct discharge of his duty as Treasurer and Secretary; and at such first meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable said President and Directors shall prepare and adopt a code of by-laws, for the regulation and government of the affairs of said Company, which may be altered or amended at any subsequent meeting of said Board of Directors, by a majority thereof. **Elect President** **Adopt By-laws**

SEC. 6. The said officers chosen by the provisions of the two preceding sections, shall remain in their several offices, until the first Monday of January, following their election, upon which said Monday a meeting of the said stockholders shall be held, and a Board of five Directors chosen, who shall remain in office for one year thereafter, and till others are chosen in their stead; and annually thereafter, on the first Monday of January of each year, a meeting of the stockholders shall be held, and a Board of five Directors shall be chosen for the ensuing year; *Provided*, That if any vacancy shall be created in any office, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term. *Provided, also*, That the President of said company shall be chosen from the five Directors thereof, and a Treasurer and Secretary shall always be chosen, by the said Board of Directors, according to the provisions of the fifth section of this act. **Hold office** **Annual Meeting** **Provide**

SEC. 7. The President of this company shall have power

Call Meeting to call a meeting of the stockholders at any time, by giving fifteen days' notice of the time and place of such meeting, in any two newspapers published as herein before stated, and any three of the Board of Directors, or a majority in value of the stockholders, shall have the like power, to call such meeting of the stockholders in like manner; *Provided*, That the duties and powers of the President not in this act specially set forth, shall be specified and prescribed in the by-laws adopted by the Board of Directors, according to the provisions of the fifth section of this act.

Compensation of Officers SEC. 8. The Board of Directors shall meet at such times and places as they shall regulate by their by-laws. They shall fix the compensation of all officers of the company, and define their duties, and shall by their by-laws regulate the government of all meetings of their own board, and of the stockholders, and generally shall have power to do all acts for the benefit and purposes of the said company.

Secretary SEC. 9. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the stockholders, and shall keep a just and true record of all the proceedings at such meetings, and as Treasurer and Secretary, shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors shall by their by-laws prescribe.

Voting SEC. 10. Every share shall be entitled to one vote, and at any meeting for the choice of Directors, the five stockholders having the highest number of votes cast, shall be elected Directors: and at every meeting of Board of Directors for the choice of President, the Director having the highest number of votes shall be elected President: *Provided*, That at any meeting of the stockholders, a majority in value shall constitute a quorum with power to transact all business, and at any meeting of the Board of Directors, any three of the Directors shall constitute a quorum, with power to transact business.

Build bridge SEC. 11. The said Company shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and keep a bridge across the Mississippi River, of such materials as the stockholders shall deem expedient, to be erected across said River, above the mouth of the creek upon which are situated the Falls of Minnehaha, at such point not exceeding a half a mile from the mouth of said creek, as the Board of Directors shall designate.

No other bridge within one mile SEC. 12. No other bridge shall be established within one mile of that erected by the Minnehaha Bridge Company during the existence of this charter.

Forfeiture SEC. 13. All the privileges granted by this act shall be forfeited unless the said bridge is commenced in three years, and completed in six years after the passage of this act.

Rates of toll SEC. 14. The rates charged for crossing the said bridge, shall not exceed the following:

For each foot passenger,	-	-	-	-	10 cents.
" " horse, mare, mule, with or without rider,	15	"			
" " two horse, two mule, or two ox team,					

	loaded or unloaded, with driver,	-	25	"
" "	single horse carriage,	- - -	25	"
" "	additional cow or ox,	- - -	10	"
" "	sheep or swine,	- - -	2	"

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February nineteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1857. }

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CHAPTER XXXVII.

An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the Root River Valley and Southern Minnesota Railroad Company.

SECTION 1. Amendment of the first section of the original Act.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That all of section two (2), before the words "together with all necessary and proper stations," in line thirteen of said section as printed in the Session of 1855, of an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Root River Valley and Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, approved March 2d, A. D. 1855, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows, viz: The said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered, and it is hereby declared that the objects and purposes thereof are to survey, locate, construct, maintain, use, and operate, and at their pleasure, to alter the line thereof, without changing the eastern terminus. A Railroad with one or more tracks or lines of rail from the village of Hokah in the county of Houston and Territory of Minnesota, westwardly by the most feasible and practicable route to some point between the southern line of this Territory, and the point where the Township line between Township one hundred and ten (110) and Township one hundred and eleven (111), crosses the Minnesota River, thence westwardly by the most direct and practicable route to the Great Bend of the Missouri River, with the privilege of a branch starting from Hokah and running up the west bank of the Mississippi River by the way of Target Lake, to Eagle Bluff